



GOING PLACES



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May 2012

Membership meetings are held on the 2nd Sat. of the month unless a change is announced. The meetings are held Sept. through May, at Ryan's Steak House on US 50 West in Seymour. The meal will be at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting following at 7:00 p.m.

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President's Corner

Spring has sprung and we are starting on our tours. Some of us have started on our gardens also.

We had a great time at Randy Hughey's garage tour and electronic ignition seminar. Mr. Ed Dathe had his cutaway on display. Jack Sullivan gave a presentation on wheels. Jim Linder talked to us about the ignition system. All was enjoyed with good food and fellowship. Thanks to Randy and Chris Hughey.

I read an article in the Chicago Service Letters 1930-31. The service letters were sent out by

Ford Motor Company to authorized Ford dealers for the cars and trucks.

The following is the article from the Service Letters:

"Recently complaints have been received of difficulty experienced in adjusting carburetors on new cars for idling speeds, excessive gas consumption and motors stalling when stopping cars at street intersections.

In most cases this happens on cars driven 500 miles or less. As motors now being built have highly polished crankshaft main bearings, this is not sufficient mileage to limber them up. In fact

so little wear takes place with these polished bearings, it sometimes requires considerably more driving before the motor is well broken in. The very best results cannot be obtained until these motors have reached the point where the bearings produce the least amount of friction. Then if the carburetor is carefully adjusted, and the motor is timed accurately, with **spark plugs gaps set at .027 to .030** and distributor **points properly spaced, at .018 to .020**, they will attain their maximum efficiency and operate the most economically.”

Note the spark plugs gaps and point setting. I have always heard that the plugs should be set at .035 for a stock head and .030 for a high compression head and the points set to .018 to .022.

Happy motoring and hope to see you on the road.

Board Meeting

The May board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2012, at 7 pm. at Gerald and Lyn Alexander's.

Membership Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes for April

The Columbus MARC membership meeting was held on April 14, 2012, at Ryan's in Seymour, IN. Linda Sullivan, vice-president, welcomed members and guests.

The secretary's report was approved as presented in the monthly newsletter. Roy Whiteman gave the treasurer's report.

Beginning balance for March:	\$1528.00
Income:	26.00
Ending balance:	\$1554.00

Announcements:

May 5 49th Annual Spring Blossom Parade in Nashville, IN (on your own)

NEW LOCATION for the May meeting!

May 12 MARC monthly meeting will be held at the White Front B & B and Café in N. Vernon.

From Columbus, go south on high-way 7 to high-way 50. Go east on 50 until you cross the R.R. tracks in North Vernon.

Immediately turn left and go one block. Turn left again, cross back over the tracks. Go left and the White Front Café is on the right hand side.

From Seymour, go E. on 50 and follow the same directions.

Total for the buffet, tax, drink and gratuity is \$12.00

Show and Tell:

Wayne Arnholt informed the group of the beginning of our car radio.

Jim Linder discussed the ignition system.

Elder Jack Sullivan gave away some advertising items from the Model A era.

Pam Haws won the 50/50 raffle. Whitey Herbert made a motion to adjourn and Lynn Alexander seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Nita Bridges, Secretary

Other News:

MARC Whitehouse A's National Membership Meet at Perrysburg, Ohio.

There were 4 Model A's from the south that drove up in our group. One of the four was inside a trailer and hauled up. Some folks drove their foreign car from the South (it was not a Model A). A great time once again, good food, friends and Model A talk. Also, the host club had a wonderful selection of door prizes and many nice raffle prizes. The seminars/meetings were held in large rooms. We were given a pen and paper to take notes if we wanted to. They had 159

registrations and 89 Model A's. The banquet was real nice. Awards/plaques were given out to the outstanding members and the new board was introduced. Also we had over 50+ Regions represented there. The Regions that are going to have National Meets in the future told a little about the upcoming meets.

--Ron Lawson

Reminder for Tour Leaders:

If you are a tour leader, we **need the information for the tour by the time of the monthly board meeting**. That will be June 16 for tours in July. You can send this information by e-mail, regular mail or phone, to Susan Riss. Thanks!

Tours

May 5, Saturday

49th Annual Spring Blossom Parade
(On your own)

May 12, Saturday

Membership Meeting

May 12, Saturday

General Butler Park KY-Scottish Weekend
(Lawson)

Meet in Columbus at Eastbrook shopping center on May 12, 2012 at 8:00 am with full tanks and tummies. Eastbrook shopping center is located on Highway 31 across from Burger King.

We will drive the Kentucky side by the river over to General Butler State Resort Park. We will drive the Indiana side by the river back. The Scottish will have a British Car show, Scottish Country Dance, Athletics Competition and Piping & Drumming competition. RSVP Ronnie Lawson at 812-343-2434 before May 12.

May 15-18

Portland Spring Meet
(On your own)

May 18-19

Hoosier Auto Show and Swap Meet
(On your own)

May 19, Saturday

Ron Lawson/Wayne Arnholt/Larry Morlock
Garage Tour

(Lawson, Arnholt)

Meet in Columbus at Eastbrook shopping center on May 19, 2012 at 9:00 am with full tanks and tummies. Eastbrook shopping center is located on Hi Way 31 across from Burger King.

We will see AA's at Wayne's, Model A Pietenpol airplane at Larry's and Industrial Archeologists stuff at Ronnie Lawson's. What is Industrial Archeologists stuff?

Club History – 1992

The following officers of the Columbus Region were elected for 1992:

President – Larry Riss

Vice President – Lloyd Morley, Jr.

Secretary – Ron Lawson

Treasurer – Larry Morlock

Directors – Bob Burns, Ed Morley, Jack Sullivan, Jr.

There were 53 families who were members in 1992. New members were Tom Mathis, Don and Conrad Harvey, and Steve Glasgow.

Tours for 1992 included visit to the Boggstown Cabaret led by Phil and Rosemary Slusser, where we heard some great Dixieland Jazz by the Jazz Incredibles from St. Louis, MO; Freudenfest at Oldenburg led by Larry & Susan Riss and Rex & Nita Bridges; the Rushville Steam Meet led by Wayne & Charlane Houston, Ronnie & Susan Lawson and Murphy & Mary Steel; the Frog Follies car show in Evansville led by Ed Morley; a trip to Leavenworth and Milltown led by Jack & Linda Sullivan, Larry & Susan Riss and Phil & Kathy Sutton, where we added our old sneakers to the famous Shoe Tree by tying the shoelaces together and slinging the shoes up to snag on a limb along with the hundreds of pairs already there.

We also had a Labor Day tour to the Ohio River valley and Shawnee Forest in southern Illinois led by the Suttons and Morlocks; and Ron Lawson set up a very elaborate Road Rally through the back roads, covered bridges and fords around Jennings County. The Road Rally was a timed event with three legs and many checkpoints. Luck was also a factor, as one Model A was known to win one of the legs after wandering around lost for most of the leg, but coming to the checkpoint within seconds of the required time.

The National Meet was held in Buffalo, NY, where we enjoyed many tours in and around Niagara Falls. We also stopped in Jamestown, NY, on the way and were privileged to tour the Cummins engine plant there, including being able to drive our Model A's into the plant for a mini-car show for the Cummins employees. Nine Columbus Region families attended.

Our annual Swap Meet was held at the 4-H Fairgrounds on Oct 18. Connie Lawless handled the kitchen activities, Ed Morley the advertising and Sinda Sergent donated another quilt for the raffle.

The Christmas party was held at the Columbus Grange Hall. Hosts were Wayne & Tonia Arnholt, Wayne & Charlane Houston and Ronnie & Susan Lawson.

Maude Neal, who was a long-time member of the club, passed away at age 95.

Board Announcement:

The MARC board has discussed locations for the monthly meeting beginning in the fall. We will present a ballot to the members at the May meeting. Please review the ballot and be prepared to vote on your choice.

The choices are: Sirloin Stockade in Columbus on the 2nd Thursday of the month; Golden Corral in Columbus on the 2nd Saturday; White Front B

and B and Cafe in N. Vernon on the 2nd Saturday; Ryan's in Seymour on the 2nd Saturday.

Message from Webmaster

I've been updating the website, so take a look from time-to-time.

If you are looking for old newsletters, you can find them under the link called [Publications](#). When you hover your mouse over the link, you should see a menu display giving you access to newsletters that go back to 2006.

Ford Institutes a Model A Ford Recall

Detroit (NP) The Ford Motor Company, recognizing the runaway accelerators of various Toyota models, has swiftly reacted to a report of a Nebraska couple who reported that their Model A Ford suddenly experienced full-throttle, rocketing down the road at speeds up to 40 miles and hour.

Although the cars are nearly a hundred years old, Ford quickly ordered a full recall of all 1928-1931 Fords to examine the accelerators.

Ford had spent nearly \$9 on the recall when it learned from the original owner of the first-reported runaway car that his wife, a blonde, had hung her purse on the gas lever.

From the "Road Runner," Northwest Missouri Model A Ford Club newsletter

